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## DST alumnae chapter sponsors ceremony

BY SHAUNNA COOPER

Following in the footsteps of their dynamic founders by initiating positive change instead of waiting for it, the Langston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (DST), Inc. have begun preparations for the Rites of Passage/Ariya Program. This program, open to high school seniors and beginning freshman, was instituted back in 1995 by the DST St. Louis Alumnae Chapter.

There are six young women participating in the program this year: Minika Johnson, from Chicago, Ill; Nerisa Washington, from City Hill, Texas; Janara Fields, Dominique Douglas, and Via'ney Price, all from Oklahoma City; and Abbie Taylor, from Liberia, Africa.

Based upon the Nguzo Saba, which is Swahili for the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the purpose of the program is to provide character development and leadership training for young African-American women. The Ariya, a Swahili word meaning celebration, is a proclamation to society of the culmination of training and the asking for these young women to take their respectful places in the community with full rights and responsibilities.

"I'm learning more about the principles of Kwanzaa than I knew before," said Douglas. "Like, I didn't know that Kwanzaa was based on seven principles or even what they were. I didn't know that you could celebrate it at anytime of the year and not just at Christmas."

The program also encourages the young women to pursue college or vocational training after high school graduation, while empowering them to take responsibility of their futures by providing an opportunity for them to raise funds for their education. Those funds come from the scholarship portion of the program, in which the participants, called Kwanzishas, raise money that will be used to help them finance their college education, as well as public service projects throughout the community.

Kimberlee Flannigan, journalist for the alumnae chapter and a program coordinator, says that the Rites of Passage Program is one of the only scholarship pageants on campus that allows its participants to keep half the proceeds they help raise.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity for the girls because each Kwanzisha receives a scholarship, and it allows us a chance to work with our younger sisters in the community," Flannigan said.

During the program's five month training period, the Kwanzishas are exposed to various community leaders who present workshops in carefully selected areas geared toward enhancing self-esteem, valuing education, appreciating cultural heritage, and promoting community involvement.

Several Langston faculty members presented workshops, including Rev. Phylisha Gassaway, an instructor in the English department; LaDonna McCune, of the LU Counseling Center; and Alice Strong-Simmons, director of the Early Childhood Development Laboratory and an instructor for the family and consumer service department.

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## Dr. Holloway honored for 25 years of service



photo by Willard Pitts

Dr. Holloway poses with (l-r) students Rachel Goff, Crystal Wallace, Thomas Flagg, Zac Shelby, Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, an invited guest, and students Jasmyne Easter and LaSheba Tucker during the celebration of his 25 years of service held in Washington D.C.

BY WILLARD PITTS

Twenty-five years of exceptional leadership at Langston University was celebrated on Capitol Hill last week as world dignitaries, a United States Supreme Court Justice and the entire Oklahoma Congressional Delegation paid homage to President Ernest L. Holloway.

United States Senators James Inhofe and Tom Coburn, along with United States Representatives Ernest Istook, Frank Lucas, John Sullivan, Tom Cole and David Boren, were the official hosts of the

gala event as hundreds of alumni, friends, corporate partners and others participated in the event.

Blue Diamond Ventures, Inc. sponsored the event to recognize the global growth, service and academic achievement of Langston University under the leadership of Dr. Holloway.

John Quincey Moaning, president and CEO of Blue Diamond Ventures, Inc., said, "It has been Dr. Holloway's vision, unwavering commitment and political astuteness that have made Langston Uni-

versity a leading institution in the world."

The tremendous growth in academic programs, physical facilities and fiscal accountability are unparalleled in the 108-year history of Oklahoma's only historically Black university.

Moaning continued, "Dr. Holloway has been extremely resourceful and innovative in acquiring necessary funding for the university. He has done so much with so little."

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## LU Voices

### The different types of love

*"Part Three Of My Valentine Series To My Beloved Wife Jill"*

**M**y 145th edition of Chapy's Corner is a tribute to my beloved wife, Mrs. Jill Annette Joseph, and an epistle written to help my dear Langstonites understand the different types of love.

The Hellenistic Greeks, living during biblical times, believed that there were six basic types of love.

In no particular order, the first type of Greek love is called "Eros." This is a more familiar type of love here at dear Langston—sensual or sexual love. Our word "erotic" comes from this word. Eros can be beautiful; none of us would be here without it and few of us can live without it.

The second type of Greek love is "Philos." This sort is the brotherly love of one for his fellow man or woman and it is one of the most mutually satisfying relationships. Philadelphia, "the city of brotherly love," comes from this word. The word "philos" is found 188 times in the Bible, represented by the word "friend" (read: 1 Samuel 18:1, 3).

The apostle John wrote these words of warning to religious racists: "If someone says 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

The third type of Greek love is "Storge"—an affectionate, familial love characterized by the bond of friendship between parents and their children (read: Luke 15:11-32).

The fourth type of Greek love is "Epithumia." Aristotle defined this word as a reaching out after pleasure. The Stoics defined it as a reaching after pleasure which defines all reason. Clement of Alexandria called it an unreasonable reaching for that which will gratify itself. Basically, it is a strong desire or zeal called "lust," the passionate desire for forbidden pleasure (read: Romans 1:24, 25).

I am reminded of this lustful type of love in E. Y. "Yip" Harburg's (b.1898—d.1981) popular 1947 song that contained these playa-lyrics: "When I'm not near the girl I love, I love the girl I'm near."

The fifth type of Greek love is "Platonic." This term is commonly applied to an affectionate relationship between a man and a woman into which the sexual element does not enter. The term in En-

glish goes back as far as 1636 in Sir William Davenant's book "Platonic Lovers."

The sixth type of Greek love is "Agape," which is an unconditional or selfless giving to others without the thought of repayment. It is the love that God has for his crown creation, man and woman. It is also the love a husband is supposed to have toward his wife and vice-a-versa (read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13).

In 1958, civil rights advocate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (b.1929—d.1968) in his book "Stride Toward Freedom," said, "Agape is disinterested love....Agape does not begin by discriminating between worthy and unworthy people, or any qualities people possess. It begins by loving others for their sakes....Therefore, agape makes no distinction between friend and enemy: it is directed toward both."

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### Chapy's Corner

By Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph  
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### Open mic night brings out LU's poets, singers

BY LATRISE HORTON

**T**he talent was flowing at the spoken word/open mic night held in the Student Union last Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The event was hosted by Langston University Student Life. The host and hostess for the night were Jessica Lowe, former Miss Langston University, and Shenu Tehu from Oklahoma City's Red Bud Poetry Collective, a poetry group. The night consisted of poetry, vocal performances and a unique twist called "drums, bass, and Shenu," which featured Tehu performing spoken word.

Students showed off their talented pieces, with the Langston University Musician's Guild (LUMG) performing an opening number. Also, members of The Red Bud Poetry Collective performed pieces, bringing many students to their feet in laughter and agreement. Featured in the *Gazette* is poetry written and performed by Michelle McKelly, a 22 year old education major from Stockton, Okla.

#### I Lost Him

When I met him  
I liked him  
When I liked him  
I loved him  
When I loved him  
I let him  
When I let him  
I lost him

—Michelle McKelly

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# LU Voices

## Quit hating on "College Hill II"

BY SHAUNNA COOPER

Let me be the first Langston University student to publicly announce my total support of the new "College Hill" cast, which just so happens to include some of my very own classmates.

I read the article last week, "College Hill II creates controversy between alumni and administration," about

*"Honestly, I can see how this show would offend our older alumni, as they don't want to see the image of Dear Langston tarnished. It must have come as a major shock to see John walking through the house with no clothes on, or Peaches making her booty clap when she was at the club."*

specific alumni expressing their disapproval and disgust at seeing the actions of my fellow students on television for the past few weeks, and I took offense to some of the things that have been said.

Since I am a broadcast journalism major, I have watched the show for the past few weeks from several different perspectives, and I thought long and hard about what I wanted to say before I actually sat down to write this editorial.

In respect to journalism, I have to say that the show is doing exactly what it was intended to do. In addition to L.U. now receiving nationwide attention from being on BET every week, the older alumni have only added more fuel to the already blazing fire by announcing their lack of support for the show. See, we journalists realize that any publicity is good publicity—because as long as it stays popular to the public, it will continue to generate dollars for all those involved with the production, ie. Langston University

and Edmonds Entertainment. How do you think rapper Eminem became an overnight success? Every single time someone said something about him, whether it was positive or negative, another 20 people went out and bought his CD.

From an adult perspective, my parents taught me at an early age to respect my elders. So, honestly, I can see how this show would offend our older alumni, as they don't want to see the image of Dear Langston tarnished. It must have come as a major shock to see John walking through the house with no clothes on, or Peaches making her booty clap when she was at the club. When you really stop to think about it, how would seeing those images make you feel at age 50, 60, 65, or even 70! However, on that same note, the show was not created with the opinion of the older generation in mind. It is geared toward students like me—I am a non-traditional, 27-year-old adult student who lives off campus. I have not lived at home for quite some time, and I do not have to alert my parents to my every move. "College Hill II" appeals to more students like me, because they now see school as something similar to what they actually live. Are those the type of students that LU doesn't want to attract? If so, we

really need to rethink that open door policy.

Finally, we come to the entertainment factor. If you took a poll and asked 100 L.U. students whether they liked the show or not, I believe that over 90 percent of them would say yes. Why? If they feel anything like I feel, they are happy to see our school get the recognition it deserves. We are proud of our

band, our football team, our basketball team, our cheerleaders, and most of all our school. We students may not have the money that the alumni have to help continue Langston's Legacy of Greatness, but we do have our love and our pride, which we give to this school without hesitation. We are tired of being overlooked by the major news networks and newspapers of this state. It's mighty funny how once they got wind that BET, a nationally recognized television station, was behind us, they all came running.

Langston University is the only historically black college or university (HBCU) in Oklahoma. The fact that it still produces more and more eager African-American graduates ready to take on the world is a miracle within itself. We are elated to see eight of our very own "doing it to death" every week, for the whole world to see. I want to let these eight students know that I will be watching the show every week, and I love it, because "I'm so glad I go to L.U."

## Cheerleaders get no love!

BY TATYANA-LASHAY JOHNSON

Have you ever heard someone say "I hope they don't expect anything in return?" Well, that is exactly how most of the cheerleading squad here at the LU feel. We do not get the respect, support, or love that we should. The cheerleaders should receive the same benefits as the basketball, football and track teams, but we don't, so why should we do anything extra for the university?

Just like every other sport, the cheerleading team has to practice. We put blood, sweat and tears into cheering. We go through problems just like athletes in any other sport. Cheering may appear to be the easiest thing to participate in, but think again. Ask the former football players that have been members of the cheerleading team. They will strongly disagree.

The cheerleading team has won a national title while representing this university, and along with a title comes more financial support from alumni. So why haven't we seen any part of it? After we won the title, various members of the administration congratulated us and said how they support us and how they will continue to do so. But we are still without the funding and transportation we need. Also, no progress has been made to accommodate the two cheerleaders that are out-of-state students who did not receive any scholarship money due to a "lack of funds." I don't understand how all of the eligible in-state members received their scholarships, but the only two out-of-state members didn't. Every single member should have received a scholarship.

Due to a lack of transportation, we are unable to travel to every away game. It's a shame when our football or basketball team members repeatedly ask us why we are not going on away games to cheer them on. If we don't pay to ride on a SGA bus then we are out of luck.

We would like to be treated like real athletes! At any other university, cheerleading is considered a real sport, but for some reason it's different here at the LU. I personally feel that the cheerleading team should be a part of the school's athletic department. The teams within the athletic department have sponsors from all over and receive money from the university.

The bottom line is the cheerleaders are getting fed up with doing something for nothing. And while we do receive a tiny amount of help from some members of the administration, most of our concerns and questions go unheard and unanswered. Along with being moved into the athletic department, we need to be supported by the university as a whole.

*"Perseverance is a great element of success; if you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate you are sure to wake up somebody."*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet

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Senator Inhofe acknowledged the impact that Langston University has had on the educational offering and growth of his hometown, Tulsa.

Representative Lucas, who was the official host of the reception in the United States House of Representatives Longworth Office Building, pointed with pride to the reclamation of the main campus under Dr. Holloway's leadership.

Representative Istook, who has represented Langston's main campus and the Oklahoma City campus, pledged his continuous support to the university as he congratulated Dr. Holloway for the strong leadership he has provided the institution.

The lone Democrat in the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, Rep. Boren, told those in attendance to be mindful that it all

started in his Congressional District, which includes Boley, where Dr. Holloway got his start.

Along with the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, other prominent leaders gave their support to the event. Included were former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating and former United States Representative J. C. Watts.

Additionally, 15 other members of the House of Representatives signed on as co-sponsors for the event.

Among the highlights of the event was a visit to the reception by United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, who counts Dr. Holloway as one of his personal friends. He spent nearly an hour at the reception before departing for other commitments.

Also, former United States Secretary of Agriculture E. (Kika) de la Garza, for whom the Langston Uni-

versity goat research facility is named, attended the event and recognized the tremendous work being done at the university to develop food and fiber from goat meat, the most eaten meat in the world.

Dr. Holloway, responding to the accolades bestowed upon him, took the opportunity to inform the congressmen that he was extremely appreciative of their support, and the naming of the stretch of Highway 33 from Guthrie to the campus the "Ernest L. Holloway Highway." He also told them that he will be lobbying for the entire length of the highway, from Guthrie to the entrance of the campus, to be lighted.

The general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Darrell Matthews, presented a proclamation to Dr. Holloway naming Feb. 16, 2005 "Dr. Ernest L. Holloway Day" throughout the fraternity.

# News to Know

COMPILED BY JESSICA P. LOWE

## Bush Calls for Trans-Atlantic Unity

Brussels, Belgium—President Bush promised European leaders that "no power of Earth will ever divide us," in a recent speech. Bush said peace is within reach in the Middle East, told Syria to leave Lebanon, and said Iran must refrain from developing nuclear weapons. "Our greatest opportunity, and our immediate goal, is peace in the Middle East," he said.

## 500 Palestinian Prisoners are Free

Jerusalem—As a good will gesture, Israel freed 500 Palestinian prisoners Monday. After settling a land negotiation between Israel and Palestine, Israel freed prisoners in exchange for their land. Israel promises to release another 400 prisoners within the next three months.

## Identity Theft on the Rise

Atlanta—Criminals may have accessed a database of consumer information that has everything they need to know to assume a person's identity. ChoicePoint, a company in Atlanta, acknowledged last week that thieves used stolen identities from their database to create fake businesses and then set up ChoicePoint accounts. The criminals opened 50 accounts and received volumes of data on consumers, including names, addresses, social security, and credit reports.

## Garbage Heap Collapses and Kills 19 People

Jakarta, Indonesia—More than 100 people were missing in the debris from the recent collapse of garbage near the West Java town of Bandung, which came after days of violent rains. "We fear that more than 100 residents died because 46 houses were crushed by debris while families slept inside in the early morning," said Police Chief Capt. Suciati Rahni.

## Man Charged in the Case of Pregnant Woman and Her Son

Fort Worth, Texas—A 37 year-old married man was arrested Tuesday on charges of capital murder in the case of a missing pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son. He confessed yesterday to suffocating the woman, his mistress, and her son. The unborn child was his.

## AIDS Patient List Emailed to Hundreds of People

Southeast Florida—A confidential list of 4,500 southeast Florida residents with AIDS and 2,000 others who are HIV positive was accidentally emailed to more than 800 county health workers. Jack Nolan, who compiles data on AIDS and HIV cases for the Palm Beach County Health Department, inadvertently attached a file listing the names and addresses of AIDS patients and HIV positive individuals. Minutes after he sent the email, computer specialists shut down the agency's e-mail system and technicians removed all copies from the email system. Unfortunately, this doesn't mean that the emails were removed before recipients were able to review the email and possibly forward the list to other people.

## Quake in Iran Kills At least 270 People

Zarand, Iran—At least 950 people have been injured after an earthquake destroyed villages near Zarand and killed at least 270 people Monday. "The number of people may be raised," said M.J. Fadaye, director of emergency efforts in Kerman province. "We are still working to find the people. Unfortunately, we still have more." The Iranian government has declared Wednesday a national day of mourning.

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# Sports Den

## Lady Lions win three important games

BY WILLIS HUFF, JR.

On Monday night, the Lady Lions beat the Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SWAG) Fighting Lady Lions 85-57. The win pulled the team to 15-14 overall. They are now 14-6 in the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC), third in conference play, and have two games remaining.

Mallory Williams (#11) led the Lady Lions in scoring on Monday with 18 points and four rebounds. Kenyatta Releford (#32) had 12

points and 14 rebounds, a double-double. Jasmine Braggs (#4) also scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds. Jessica James (#24) had 10 points and four rebounds. Veronica Austin (#30) had eight points and six rebounds to round out the Lady Lions' scoring. Releford had a team high of 14 rebounds. Imani Miller (#3) had a team high of six assists.

During Saturday night's game, the Lady Lions beat the Paul Quinn College Lady Tigers 79-54.

James led the Lady Lions in scoring with 26 points and 12 rebounds, a double-double. Braggs had 15 points and three rebounds. Releford (#32) had 10 points and three rebounds. Williams had eight points and grabbed two rebounds. Austin rounded out the Lady Lions in scoring with six points and pulled down 10 rebounds. James had a team high of 12 rebounds. Releford had a team high of five assists.

Last Thursday, in the Muskogee Civic Center, the Lady Lions defeated the Bacone College Lady Warriors 58-39.

James led the Lady Lions in scoring with 10 points and three rebounds.

Braggs had eight points and grabbed nine rebounds. Williams also chipped in with eight points and pulled down five rebounds. Releford had six points and five rebounds. Ashley Lewis (#22) also

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photo by Kevono Hunt

Several former Lady Lions were on hand during Saturday's basketball game to honor Head Women's Basketball Coach Donnita Drain and Assistant Coach Tony Greene, who celebrated their ten-year anniversary of coaching together at Langston University. (First row, l-r): Alecia Walker and Moshawn Amerson. (Back row, l-r): Coach Drain, Kizzy Johnson, Danielle Jackson, Mariea Drain, and Coach Greene.



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Senior forward Kenyatta Releford (#32) lays in a basket past a SWAG defender in the first half of the Lady Lion's victory on Monday night.

## Jessica James

### Inside Athletics by Chondra Kirkland

Jessica James excels in her studies and her game on the court.

James, a 20-year-old junior health administration major from Desoto, Texas, is a Lady Lions forward (#24) who also juggles being a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Being an athlete and part of a sorority can be a hard situation, but she strives to be available whenever she gets a break from practices and games. She described her experience in her sorority as "a great one," and said that being a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha has helped her become much more outgoing and involved on campus.

James, who describes herself as calm, confident, and caring, is a McCabe Scholar, a yearly Dean's list recipient, and a one time President's list recipient.

"Just knowing I need to get my work done motivates me to just do it," she said about balancing school work with games.

With her "just do it" mentality, she's managed to obtain a 3.6 g.p.a., and become acknowledged two times this semester as "Conference Player of the Week."

James' career goal is to become a health administrator at a nursing home or hospital. Her interest in health came from the influence of her dad who guided her into the medical field.

Speaking of her parents, James is proud to say she admires her mom and dad. They attend every weekend home game and any game during the week that is within three hours of their home. She also says a great deal of her inspiration comes from her boyfriend, Coty, because he pushes her to do her best.



photo by Chaz Kyser



## Indoor track team cruising to nationals

BY JAMUEL WALLACE

The Langston Indoor Track and Field Team finished off their regular season this past weekend at the Oklahoma Christian Indoor Invitational #4 and the Sooner Indoor Meet at Mosier Indoor Facility in Norman, Ok.

At the Oklahoma Christian Indoor, Dominique McDonald finished fifth in the long jump with a jump of 16-6 ¼. In the 60-meter dash McDonald finished first with a time of 7.95, while Guaneka Williams finished fifth with a time of 8.26. In the 400-meter dash Terra Horton finished fourth with a time of 1:02.97. In the high jump Monique Carroll finished fourth with a jump of 5-0. In the shot put Stephanie Rusky finished second with a throw of 36-0 1/2. In the 200-meter dash Horton finished with a time of 27.39, and Allisha James finished eighth with a time of 28.42.

On the men's side, Jamaal Moore finished second in the long jump with a jump of 22-3 3/4 and Brian Smith finished fourth with a jump of 22-1 3/4. In the triple jump Smith finished second with a jump of 44-3, while his teammate Randy Moore finished third with a jump of 42-7 1/4. In the 60-meter dash Junnell Wright finished second with a time of 7.01. In the 400-meter dash Marcus Hedge finished sixth with a time of 51.77. Charles Loftis finished first in the high jump with a jump of 6-2. In the 200-meter dash Jonathan Montgomery finished seventh with a time of 23.51, while Wright finished eighth with a time of 23.54.

At the Sooner Indoor Meet, Tatiana Simon finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.91 and Treneisha Foreman finished 23<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 8.02. In the 400-meter dash Brandee Means finished seventh with a time of 59.68. In the 200-meter dash McDonald finished 11<sup>th</sup> with a time of 25.70, while Darnesha Sellers finished 15<sup>th</sup> with a time of 26.00. In the mile relay the girl's team has taken 12 seconds off their time since their first meet. Lamar Dewberry finished ninth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.06 and James Hall finished 18<sup>th</sup> with a time of 7.13. Akeem Lavoll finished eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.26. In the 200-meter dash Hall finished sixth with a time of 22.42.

The Lions will finish off an impressive season when 12 members of the track team compete in the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Johnson City, Tennessee on March 2-6. The members competing are Tatiana Simon, Darnesha Sellers, Brandee Means, Monique Carroll, Dominique McDonald, Tasia Galbreath, Treneisha Foreman, Lamar Dewberry, Brian Smith, Akeem Lavoll, James Hall, and Junnell Wright.

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contributed with six points and two rebounds to round out the Lady Lions' scoring.

In order for the Lady Lions to make it to this year's NAIA Tournament in Jackson, Tennessee, they have to win their last two conference games and advance to the finals at the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) Tournament in Waxahachie, Texas.

The Lady Lions are up against the Wiley College Lady Bobcats on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Marshall, Texas, and will play the Jarvis Christian Lady Bulldogs on Monday in Dallas at 5:30 p.m. Both are historically Black schools.

"Wiley and Jarvis are always competitive at their house," said Assistant Basketball Coach Tony Greene about the upcoming games. "We have lost twice in the last two years to Jarvis. Jarvis played us close at our house; we only beat them by ten points [in our last game against them]. Those two teams both know that we are trying to finish third in the conference. They are both trying to get in too!"

According to Greene, part of the Lady Lions' game plan to beat Wiley, Jarvis and ultimately make it to the playoffs, includes taking high percentage shots and giving the team's post players (Braxton, James and White) high percentage shots.

## Lions tied for first in RRAC again

BY WILLIS HUFF, JR.

The Langston Lions posted their first back-to-back 20-win season in over 56 years with their victories over the Paul Quinn College Tigers and the Southwestern Assemblies of God (SWAG) University Fighting Lions. The Lions are now 21-6 overall, 18-2 in conference play, and ranked #22 in the latest National Athletic Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Basketball Rankings.

They are also tied for first place in the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) with the Houston Baptist University Huskies.

On Monday, which was the last home game for seniors Steven Alexander (#23) and Ryan Davis (#25), the Lions defeated the Fighting Lions 69-54.

Davis led the Lions in scoring with 22 points and grabbed five rebounds. Kendrick Mebane (#13) scored 15 points and had two rebounds. Quentin Beaty (#21) chipped in with 12 points and 10 rebounds, a double-double. Alexander had an all-around game with nine points, 12 rebounds and seven assists to round out the Lions scoring.

On Saturday, the Lions beat the Tigers 106-70.

Beaty led the Lions in scoring with 25 points and seven rebounds.

Alexander scored 23 points and had four rebounds. Davis had 17 points, three rebounds and seven assists. Mebane chipped in with 16 points and grabbed one rebound. John Hollmon (#24) chipped in with eight points and also grabbed three rebounds to round out the Lions scoring. Keenanlan Clemmons (#44) had a team high of ten rebounds.

Last Thursday night in the Muskogee Civic Center, the Lions



photo by De'Shawn Saffold

Lions guard Steven Alexander (#23) goes coast to coast in the first half of Langston's win over SWAG on Monday.

pulled out a 56-55 victory over the Bacone College Warriors. The Lions won the game at the buzzer, thanks to Alexander hitting a three-pointer as time ran out.

Alexander and Mebane both led the Lions in scoring with 14 points. Beaty had eight points and 15 rebounds. Nafiys Blakewood (#50) scored six points and had three re-

bounds. Davis chipped in with five points and pulled down two rebounds to round out the Lions scoring.

The Lions next game is on Saturday against the Wiley College Wildcats in Marshall, Texas at 7:30 p.m. On Monday they play against the Jarvis Christian College Bulldogs in Hawkins, Texas at 7:30 p.m.

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Both Douglas and another program participant, Via'ney Price, said that they have really enjoyed being a part of the program.

"For the most part it's been fun. We've made some new friends and we still talk to one another each week," said Price.

After completing the five months of training, the Kwanzishas then participate in the Rites of Passage Ceremony. The ceremony gives the Kwanzishas permission to move to a higher level of spiritual, social and educational devel-

opment. Permission is granted to the Kwanzishas by their families and the community.

According to the DST's official website, the sorority has provided service and support to local communities, while leading the dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality education, providing scholarships and sponsoring artistic innovation since it was founded back in 1913 on the campus of Howard University. They also create positive opportunities for the development of African-American youth and

strive to produce new projects aimed to stimulate current and future economic growth.

"We are excited about the opportunity to continue the legacy of our 22 founders," said Dr. Evia L. Davis, president of Langston's DST alumnae chapter.

The Langston alumnae chapter invites the public to join in their Ariya celebration, scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2005, at 6 p.m. For more information about participating in the program, contact Alice Strong-Simmons at (405) 466-3438 or Dr. Evia Davis (405) 466-3438.



# Twenty pointers to a better interview

Getting that long-awaited phone call for an interview can be a big confidence booster. So be optimistic; you're now closer to getting a call saying you're hired. To ensure that you do get that call, avoid playing the "woulda, coulda, shoulda" game by practicing the following 20 interviewing rules on all of your interviews.

1. *Arrive Ahead of Time:* Plan to arrive at the place you're being interviewed at least twenty minutes early. You never know what train will have you waiting ten minutes to pass or how hard it will be to find a parking space.

2. *Give Your Appearance a Double Check:* Take time to straighten yourself up before greeting the interviewer. Check your clothes, hair, make-up, breath, and odor.

3. *Be Cordial To Everyone You Meet at the Company:* Be nice to everyone at the company because you never know just who has a say in your hiring.

4. *Make a Good First Impression.* Consider it show time when an employer first spots you. Try to feel their vibe so you can make them feel at ease with you before the interview begins.

5. *Be Respectful of the Employer:* Don't forget whom you're talking with. Greet the person interviewing you by their last name until they tell you otherwise. Leave the slang at home and turn the cell phone or pager off.

6. *Watch Your Body Language:* Your demeanor should exude confidence and enthusiasm, which can be shown in various ways including a firm handshake, eye-to-eye contact, good posture, and a sincere smile. Definite don'ts include biting your lip or nails, slouching in your chair, excessive note-taking, watching the clock, fiddling your hands or feet, and looking at everything else in the room but the interviewer while talking.

7. *Have Extra Copies of Your Resume:* You may be required to interview with more than one person. Being able to hand them a crisp resume demonstrates your professionalism and thoughtfulness.

8. *Listen Thoughtfully to All Questions and Think Before You*

*Speak:* Always make sure you understand a question before you go about answering it. Ask for clarification if you don't completely understand a question.

9. *Answer Questions Completely:* Try not to give simple yes or no answers. One of your goals is to show how well you communicate with others.

10. *Stress the Skills You Can Offer the Company:* Know the exact skills an employer is looking for and stress that you have these skills and enjoy using them. Also stress any other skills you have that are not required for your position, but that you feel will make you more attractive to an employer.

11. *Stress Your Ability To Learn New Skills Fast:* If there's a skill you lack that an employer asks about then stress your ability to quickly learn that skill, possibly giving examples of how you've learned fast in other situations.

12. *Stress Your Positive Personality.* Communicate with the interviewer how easy you are to work with, and how you're so very flexible, ect. The employer is looking for someone who current employees will get along with.

13. *Talk With Pride About Your Accomplishments:* Employers believe that past performance is the best indicator of future performance. Make them realize how valuable you are by talking about accomplishments you're proud of.

14. *Be Prepared for Tough Questions:* An employer knows when they've asked a hard question and probably just wants to see how you'll react. Impress them—stay calm, take time to think of a good response, and try your best to answer the question as if it didn't faze you.

15. *Tell Them Why You Want The Job:* Don't let the interview come to an end without telling the

## Now What? advice for the graduating senior

By Chaz Foster-Kyser  
journalism instructor

person interviewing you why you want the job and what it is that you like so much about the position. This further demonstrates your enthusiasm.

16. *Have Any Work Samples Ready To Show:* You shouldn't have to search for anything, and if you do it makes you look unprepared. Don't let the interview end without showing the employer your work samples, even if she or he didn't ask to see them.

17. *Give Examples of How You've Handled Tough or Sticky Situations:* Show the employer that you can handle any job and how resourceful you are by relating stories of how you've handled sticky situations very well.

18. *Don't Undermine Yourself:* Never talk negatively about yourself or talk about what you can't or won't do, no matter how insignificant you think what you're saying is.

19. *Don't Badmouth Anyone:* Never badmouth a past employer or your former co-workers, no matter how comfortable you feel while talking to someone interviewing you.

20. *Leave a Great Lasting Impression:* No matter how good or bad you think the interview went, the show isn't over until you're out of the employer's sight. Be as cordial and enthusiastic at the end of the interview as you were at the beginning. Communicate with the employer that you are genuinely interested in the position and that you'd very much like to work for the company. Make sure you shake the hand of everyone you've interviewed with. Find out when you should hear from them, and wish them a great day.

Chaz Foster-Kyser is a journalism instructor and newspaper advisor at Langston University. The articles in the "Now What?" column are taken from a book she has written, "Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College." Questions/comments on this article can be emailed to [cjkyser@lunet.edu](mailto:cjkyser@lunet.edu).

## What's the Word?

Does the ethnicity of the next president of Langston University matter?



"Yes, because this is an HBCU and thus far we have always had African-American presidents. Why should we change tradition now?"

Tasana Brooks, junior  
business major  
Chicago, Ill.



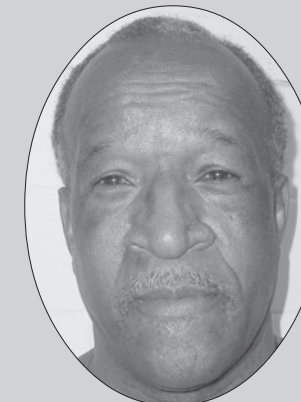
"The ethnicity of the next president doesn't matter because the president is a major role model for the school. He or she must exhibit intelligence, power and respect, and those are traits that people of all races have. So I do not believe that the race of the next president matters at all."

Andrew Buller, freshman  
music education major  
Edmond, Okla.



"I believe we should have an African-American president to carry out the tradition of African-American presidents, which we have had throughout the history of Langston University."

Chantelle Allah, senior  
elementary education major  
Phoenix, Ariz.



"Yes it matters because Langston University is an HBCU—the only one in the state of Oklahoma. The president of Langston University has to be sensitive to the needs of African-Americans in Oklahoma and the United States."

Willard Pitts  
former chair of the  
communications department  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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# LU Calendar

## Ongoing Events

**Free tax help** is being offered from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for Elderly (TCE). There is no charge for this service. Meetings will be held from now until April 13. You can ask questions Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., or on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Moore Hall, room 203. More information: call Dr. Wede Brounell at ext. 3473.

**The Langston University College Republicans** will have meetings every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Agricultural Building Conference Room. More information: contact Martyn William Bridgeman at 466-4182.

**A female Sexual Assault Survivors Group** will be held on Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Professional Counseling Center, Rm. 104. More information: call 466-3401.

**The Psychology Club** will have meetings each first and last Thursday of the month. The meetings will take place in Rm. 218W in Sanford Hall at 11 a.m. More information: contact Charles Perry, president, at ext. 4875.

**Free AIDS testing** is available the first working day of the month at the Langston University's Clinic, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the University Women Building.

**The Langston Chapter of LUNAA** will have monthly meeting in the Research and Extension Building in Rm. 105S. National dues are \$50.00 and local dues are \$25.00.

**Zeta Week Festivities** will be held from Sunday, Feb. 27 to Saturday, March 4. On Sunday, Feb. 27 a vesper service will be held in the Amelia Taylor Theater (band room) at 6 p.m. On Monday, Feb. 28 a movie night featuring "Ray" will be held in Hamilton Hall, Rm. 206 at 7:20 p.m. On Tuesday, March 1, a Health, Hair, & Info Expo will be held in the multi-purpose building at 7:20 pm. On Wednesday, March 2, BBQ will be given out in Scholars' Inn at 7:20 p.m. On Thursday, March 3, there will be a poetry contest and exhibition in the I.W. Young Auditorium at 7:20 p.m. On Friday, March 4, the Sexiest Man Contest & After party will be held in the multi-purpose building. The contest starts at 7:20 p.m. and the party at 10:20 p.m. On Saturday, March 5, a "Let me cater 2 U" day of male pampering will be held in Scholars' Inn at 12:20 p.m.

## Lion of the Week

BY MICKI BIDDLE

### John Loudermill

**K**nown as the "stylist to the stars" on campus, John Loudermill is the name on the tip of everyone's tongue if you want your hair done right.

"If you see someone on campus with their hair whipped—I did it!" Loudermill proudly states.

Loudermill, a 20-year-old sophomore biology major from Tulsa, Okla., is proud of the service he provides for so many Langstonites. On top of maintaining a 3.6 g.p.a., Loudermill cuts and styles hair for almost all major events on campus. He has styled hair for the Miss Langston, Miss Fashionetta and Miss Jabberwok pageants, and for the Zeta Phi Beta Hair Show. He won best barber and stylist in the Alpha Hair Show last semester, which is one of his proudest accomplishments.

"I don't stop working until my client is happy with the results," said Loudermill.

As if he doesn't do enough, he is a tenor in Langston University's world-renowned choir. This week, Loudermill will travel to Chicago to perform vocally as well as perform magic on other performers' hair. He is also singing two songs in "Porgy and Bess," an upcoming theatrical and musical production by Langston students.

Loudermill's passion for cutting and styling hair began growing when he was 12 years old. An aunt gave him a clipper set for Christmas and he hasn't slowed down since. Shannon McCormick, a successful hairstylist in Oklahoma City, inspired him to obtain his license.

"I was impressed with the way he [McCormick] used his craft as a networking tool," said Loudermill. "In that same regard, I have at one point or another met almost everyone on this campus because I have done their hair or the hair of someone that they know."

Not only is Loudermill known for his artful styling ability, but he is also inexpensive, which makes for a huge clientele.

"I am a licensed hairstylist and although I can charge for my services, I only charge \$5 for a haircut. I know what it's like to be a student and struggle financially," said Loudermill.

Even though he loves making people feel better about themselves with a good hairstyle, being a stylist is not what he wants to do with the rest of his life.

"I want to go into law," Loudermill said. "Probably business transaction law."

Loudermill plans on utilizing his knowledge of biology and his graduate degree in contractual and business law to launch his career in the cosmetology industry.

"Not only do I want to help people by informing them of beneficial contractual moves, I want to exercise my knowledge of the hair industry and take it a step further by planning and opening my own chains of shops that specialize in African-American hair care," Loudermill said. "There isn't a chain of stores like Super Cuts that specialize in ethnic hair."

In respect to his immediate future, Loudermill keeps his eye on the mark that he has set for himself.

"As soon as I obtain my undergraduate degree, I am going to apply at every Ivy League school that I can. I don't do anything half-way!" said Loudermill with a smile.



photo by Kevono Hunt

To nominate someone for "Lion of the Week" send a brief email to [LUgazette@yahoo.com](mailto:LUgazette@yahoo.com) explaining why they should be "Lion of the Week." Also leave their contact information.

**The Golden Felines** will have practice for dance line try-outs from today to March 1 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose building. The actual try-outs are March 2 at 6 p.m. in the I. W. Young Auditorium.

**The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)**, a student organization on campus aimed at undergraduate broadcast journalism majors and those interested in journalism, hold meetings every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Sanford Hall, Rm. 310W. More information: call Dr. Karen M. Clark, ext. 3297, or Steve Jackson at (405) 834-4829.

## Immediate Events

### Wednesday, February 23

**The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)** will have a general body meeting at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in rm. 306 in Moore Hall. All business majors are welcome to join.

**The Mr. Langston University 2005 informational** will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. for all young men interested in competing in the pageant.

**The Red Market**, an auction given by the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta and the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the multi-purpose building at 8 p.m.

**A documentary, "February One,"** will be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Gandy Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the lobby Area. "February One" tells the inspiring story surrounding four college freshman.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

**A Flagline orientation meeting** will be held on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. in the Dust Bowl.

**A writing workshop** will be hosted by poet Angela Shannon in the Annie Laurie Coleman Heritage Center on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. A reception will be given for her in the lobby area at the Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center at 3 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 24

**A musical tribute** to Dr. Holloway featuring Awadagin Pratt, pianist, and Zuill Bailey, cellist, will be held on Friday, Feb. 25 at the Civic Center Hall Mirrors at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 dollars. To R.S.V.P call (405) 524-3800.